



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

The month of October has been a very busy one with our staff and students working hard and doing a lot of learning in their classes. Walking through the halls and classrooms, you can see students reading, writing, problem solving, drawing, cooking, singing and dancing. It is wonderful to hear students laughing and learning throughout our school.



Parents often ask how can they help their child. The most important things researchers say parents can do for their kids' success at school:

- Let your child know you have high but reasonable expectations
- Talk with your child about school regularly
- Focus on attitude rather than marks
- Read to, or with, your child

Remember that it is important to know what is happening with your child's education. With this in mind, our progress report cards will be going home on November 15th. Our parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of November 17th and on the morning of November 18th. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress (progressing very well; progressing well; or progressing with difficulty) with the classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our parent-teacher interviews.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

"Subh Diwali"



Upcoming Dates

Nov. 9, 10	Officer Hope visits our classes
Nov. 9	Band Workshop @ Midland CI
Nov. 11	Whole School Field Trip to the Zoo / Remembrance Day Ceremony @ Zoo
Nov. 15	Progress Reports go home
Nov. 17	4pm to 8pm: Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 18	8am to 12 noon: Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 25	"On TRACK" Assembly - AM; "Crazy Hair Day"
Nov. 28	Quartet Presentation for grades 1 to 6 @ 1:30 pm
Dec. 1	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 9	P.A. Day - no school for students
Dec. 22	Winter Concert @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 23	Last Day of School before the Winter Holidays - Carol Singing / PJ Day

Caring and Safe Schools Event

On Thursday, October 27, 2011 the fifth graders went to Stephen Leacock CI. We arrived at 9:00 am and when we entered the gym, we were put into teams. Each team had two or three people from each school. The team leaders were very nice to us. We got to play a lot of activities. We also ate pizza and had snacks. We got to watch a bullying music video and I think the best part of this program was the drama presentation. The grade nines made this presentation for us. Their acting was just amazing and inspired us a lot. The whole program was amazing! If you are thinking, what was this program called...It is called the amazing Bullying Prevention Program!! By: Safa

On Thursday, the grade 5s went to Stephen Leacock to do anti-bullying activities and games. Our leaders' names were Xavider and Mariam. They were really nice. We played some games and made a name bag and wrote fuzzy messages on them. We watched a video where a kid that was bullied stood up for himself. We wrote down on stickies how the bully and victim might think, feel or do. After, we started to play games like maze, twisted-untwisted and European hand-ball. We had lunch...PIZZA! And after lunch, we went to the cafeteria and drew a picture about bullying. By: Zaid



Halloween Fun!

As we have done in the past, Timberbank hosted a Movie Night/Afternoon on October 27th and all the proceeds that were collected were donated to UNICEF as part of our Halloween fundraiser. Thanks to all of you we raised: \$485

On Monday, October 31st, we celebrated Halloween with style as we paraded through our schools and danced in our gym.



ECO News

In Ecoteam last year, we did many things, but we didn't get to plant things. I hope we do this year because when I went to S.O.E.S. they were really eco-friendly. They recycled and re-used things like water bottles and other items like paper towels.

ECO tip of the month:

Use plastic mugs and bottles at school, home and at parties

Written by: Taylor in grade 6



Bags for Beds

What is Bags for Beds? Can beds really be made out of bags? ABSOLUTELY !!! Here is how it is done. Milk bags, like the image below, are used to make a sort of wool out of the plastic! The bags are cut into strips. The strips are then tied together to form long strands and the strands are rolled into balls like wool. The "wool" is then crocheted into comfortable waterproof mats. These mats are then shipped to places such as Haiti and Cuba where there has been a call for relief.

- Only the outside of the milk bag can be used, however it does not matter what colour it is.
- Lots of Milk Bags are needed.
- 300 Milk Bags are used to make 1 child size mat
600 Milk Bags are used to make 1 adult size mat

Timberbank staff and students have taken on this global social justice action to address the poverty in relief stricken areas in our world.

We know that we can make a difference! Send your milk bags to the classroom teacher and we will begin our collection! Thanks for helping us!



Scarborough Outdoor Education School (SOES)

Camp Kearney

S.O.E.S. was very fun and a good learning experience because they taught us how the Natives hunted and what games they liked to play. They had helped us by telling us how important some things are. For example, they showed us S.A.W.S. (sun, air, water and soil). These are the most important things in life.

We had loads of fun like howling at wolves, playing predator and prey, chuck the chicken and orienteering. Our favourite activity was orienteering because we got lost and found our way out. Kearney can be both educational and fun...at the same time!

By Joanne and Birathesh



Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely.
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.



Reminder!

Parent School Council News!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school.

On Thursday, October 13th, our new School Council executive was elected. Congratulations to:

Co-Chairs: Ghazala Khan and Nick Carasis

Secretary: Jerry Jones

Treasurer: Jean Garcia and Mike Petkovski

Safety Committee Representative: Lisa Ferguson

Community Representatives: Juliana Dyal and Marilyn Trenbeth



We are looking forward to another great year of working in partnership with our parents and community members. Our next council meeting is on Thursday, December 1st and we hope to see you there!

ActivClassroom

On October 18, 2011 there was a "cool" bus parked on our playground and our students had the opportunity to visit and use some of the latest interactive technology. Ask them about it!



Library News

It has been an exciting month in the library! Forest of Reading nominees have been announced, books have been ordered and we are all waiting in anticipation for them to arrive so we can get reading!

If interested in taking the FOR books out at the local library, please check out http://www.accessola.org/ola_prod/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Current_Program_Year/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Current_Program_Year.aspx?hkey=5af29ddd-628e-431d-9b3b-321b8393bd25 for a complete list of all nominees.

We will be participating in the Blue Spruce, Silver Birch, Silver Birch Non-Fiction and Silver Birch Express competitions. New books have been arriving daily, including the entire series of Time Line graphic novels which we received from the school board as a gift to thank us for participating in the Just Read It! program. Just Read It! is a fantastic activity to do online on the TDSB homepage. It tracks the reading a school does and then rewards the schools who show they are avid readers with free books and even author visits. Wow! Please check out the library bulletin board for new exciting additions to our stacks as well as news from the library.



Happy Reading!

Mrs Walker

Young Women On the Move!

On Oct 11, we went to Hazelton Manor with Mrs. Walker, Sophia and Tracy to a Young Women on the Move conference. We talked about girls' self-esteem. We also talked about how it is not what you look like on the outside that is important, it is how you feel on the inside. We played some games and one of them was called, "I Can't Stand it!" What we had to do was strike a pose like models shown to us in pictures. It was really hard to do. It was also really uncomfortable. We had so much fun at the conference! The activities were fun, the food was great AND Hazelton Manor was beautiful!

By: Jennifer and Mahima

